

INTER-REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Danville Town Meeting Hall

201 Front Street
Danville, California

Wednesday, November 20, 2002
12:30 p.m.

MEETING-MINUTES SUMMARY

I. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

Co-chair, Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier, Contra Costa County, called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone to Danville. He stated that Dan Bilbrey would not be attending the meeting today and asked those in attendance to make self-introductions: In attendance were:

Inter-Regional Partnership Members

Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier, Contra Costa County (Co-chair)
Council member Denny Jackman, City of Modesto
Mayor Gloryanna Rhodes, City of Lathrop
Council member Evelyn Tolbert, City of Tracy
Mayor Richard Dodds, City of Patterson
Supervisor Jack Sieglock, San Joaquin County
Supervisor Nick Blom, Stanislaus County
Council member Lorraine Dietrich, City of Livermore
Council member Millie Greenberg, Town of Danville
Council member Bob Wasserman, City of Fremont
Supervisor Pete McHugh, Santa Clara County
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County

Staff to the Inter-Regional Partnership

Alex Amoroso, Principal Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments
Gary Dickson, Executive Director, Stanislaus Council of Governments
Gerald Raycraft, Planning Director, Association of Bay Area Governments
Christy Riviere, Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments
Michael Smith, Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments
Wil Ridder, Regional Planner, San Joaquin Council of Governments
Betty Garcia, Senior Office Assistant, San Joaquin Council of Governments

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Dodds/Wasserman) to approve the minutes of September 18, 2002. Motion passed.

III. IRP STATUS REPORT/PROGRAM REVIEW

Mr. Amoroso informed the members that a meeting had been held with the Department of Housing and Community Development to discuss Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone incentives. In addition, staff will be meeting with MTC, which is the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to discuss their policies and procedures. He also stated that John Fregonese was unavailable to speak on urban growth boundaries (UGB).

As this was an information item only, no action was taken.

IV. URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES

Mr. Fregonese was unavailable to speak on urban growth boundaries, however, a discussion did follow. Council member Denny Jackman said that he had been unsuccessful to get Modesto to put Urban Growth Boundaries on the ballot. Mayor Dodds asked if they were going to get samples of how cities growth boundaries are doing. Supervisor Sieglock pointed out the City of Turlock was listed under San Joaquin County but is actually in Stanislaus County. He also stated that much of the information regarding growth boundaries is not accurate. Mr. Amoroso suggested that staff do a projection trends for all five counties, and clean up the current list. Supervisor Nick Blom suggested the projections include basic information to compare and contrast. Supervisor DeSaulnier directed Alex Amoroso to include housing figures in the next packet.

V. IRP PILOT PROGRAM EVALUATION RFP

Ms. Christy Riviere gave a brief update on the changes that were made to the draft request for proposal (RFP) originally submitted to the Inter-Regional Partnership for evaluation at their September 18, 2002 meeting. She also stated this report requests that the IRP approve the RFP for release to the public, allowing for a 45-day response time which will make them due on January 7.

Mayor Dodds made a comment about the RFP and stated that if certain goals were not met, it should be acknowledged that one of the reasons why is because of the State's budget and not because the Inter-Regional Partnership was at fault. Supervisor DeSaulnier stated that we need to streamline resources by using state, local and regional incentives. He also said there were existing pots of money for cities to apply for within their own zones. After much discussion, it was decided that the Inter-Regional Partnership to hold off on submitting the RFP as planned.

A motion was made/seconded (Jackman/McHugh) to expect an interim report and letter that will be provided for the author of the bill and that we accept the RFP at our January meeting. Motion passed. It was also suggested that Supervisor DeSaulnier speak to Senator Torlakson to make him aware of the plans for IRP.

VI. JOBS/HOUSING OPPORTUNITY ZONE INCENTIVES

Mr. Bruce Kern of Economic Development Alliance for Business gave a brief update on the efforts to secure incentives for the Zones. He briefed the IRP on the following incentives:

- Tax Increment Financing – Infrastructure Financing Districts
- Elements of Enterprise Zone
- Priority Status for Zones in State Programs
 - Priority in state bond allocations through the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC)
 - Tax credits for housing as issued through the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC)
- Childcare Assistance

Mr. Amoroso stated that staff had met with HCD to talk about incentives and how to get incentives from the existing state programs for the pilot projects. Some of the feedback received from HCD was they wanted much more specific information about what incentives each zone have applied for and why they had been turned down. Also discussed was the state budget realities and the lack of cash to provide any real incentives at a state wide level. After much discussion regarding the Fair Share Jobs/Housing, it was agreed upon to bring this element back to the meeting as a separate agenda item at a later date.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m. until January 15, 2003.